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NEWS SUMMARY:

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that Jan Long (DOB 6/10/47), a State of Wisconsin Corrections Supervisor, was charged today by a federal grand jury in Milwaukee with narcotics trafficking. The Indictment charges Long with possessing 5 or more grams of crack cocaine and 500 grams or more of cocaine with intent to distribute, maintaining a drug-involved premises, and using a telephone to further a drug trafficking conspiracy. Robert Bridges (DOB 5/31/37) also was charged in the Indictment with maintaining a drug involved premises.

The Indictment arises out of a multi-year investigation of a Milwaukee drug trafficking ring headed by Orlandes Nickson and Mark Cubie, both of Milwaukee. In an affidavit filed in federal court on May 17, 2005, a United States Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force agent detailed a series of phone calls between Cubie, Nickson and others regarding drugs Jan Long was allegedly holding for the drug ring at her home at 2945 North 53rd Street in Milwaukee, which she shared with Mr. Bridges. Members of the drug ring, including Cubie and Nickson began threatening Long and Bridges after they failed to turn over drugs they were holding for the group in early May of 2005. Federal, state and local drug agents arrested Cubie, Nickson and others in the drug ring before they could carry out the threats. On May 16, 2005, after making the arrests, drug agents searched the garage at Ms. Long's residence and found 1 3/4 kilograms of cocaine, 1 ounce of crack cocaine and six pounds of marijuana.

If convicted of the charges in the Indictment, Ms. Long and Mr. Bridges face the following penalties:

- Count I (Jan Long) - Possession of narcotics with intent to distribute - a minimum of 5 and up to 40 years in prison, up to \$2 million in fines, and a minimum of 4 years up to life on supervised release;
- Count II (Jan Long and Robert Bridges) - maintaining a drug involved premises - a maximum of 20 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines and 3 years of supervised release;
- Count III (Jan Long) - using a telephone to further a drug trafficking conspiracy - a maximum of 4 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines, and 3 years of supervised release.

"This case illustrates the pervasiveness of illegal drugs and drug trafficking in our neighborhoods," stated Assistant United States Attorney Daniel H. Sanders. "Even those like Jan Long, trusted by society to work with offenders on release from prison, can succumb to the lure of drugs and drug money."

This case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, and the Milwaukee Police Department. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Sanders for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely a formal method of issuing charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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